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Mr. Jim Hull  
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Dear Mr. Hull:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of public comments regarding changes made by EPA to Missouri's 2002 303(d) list as described in our decision letter to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) of April 29, 2003.

EPA had reviewed Missouri's 2002 303(d) list of impaired waters, and determined that Missouri's 2002 list of water quality limited segments (WQLS) still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) did not include certain waters and pollutants required to be listed. EPA partially approved and partially disapproved Missouri's 303(d) list, and provided its rationale for this action in a letter to MDNR dated April 29, 2003. EPA then issued a public notice on May 1, 2003, seeking written comments on EPA's decision to add and/or restore 63 waterbodies and associated pollutants to Missouri's 2002 list of impaired waters, add back pollutants that had been removed from 30 waterbodies retained from the State's 1998 list, and add new pollutants of concern to two other waterbodies that had also been retained from the State's previous list. The public comment period, which had been extended another 45 days past the original 60 days, closed on August 15, 2003.

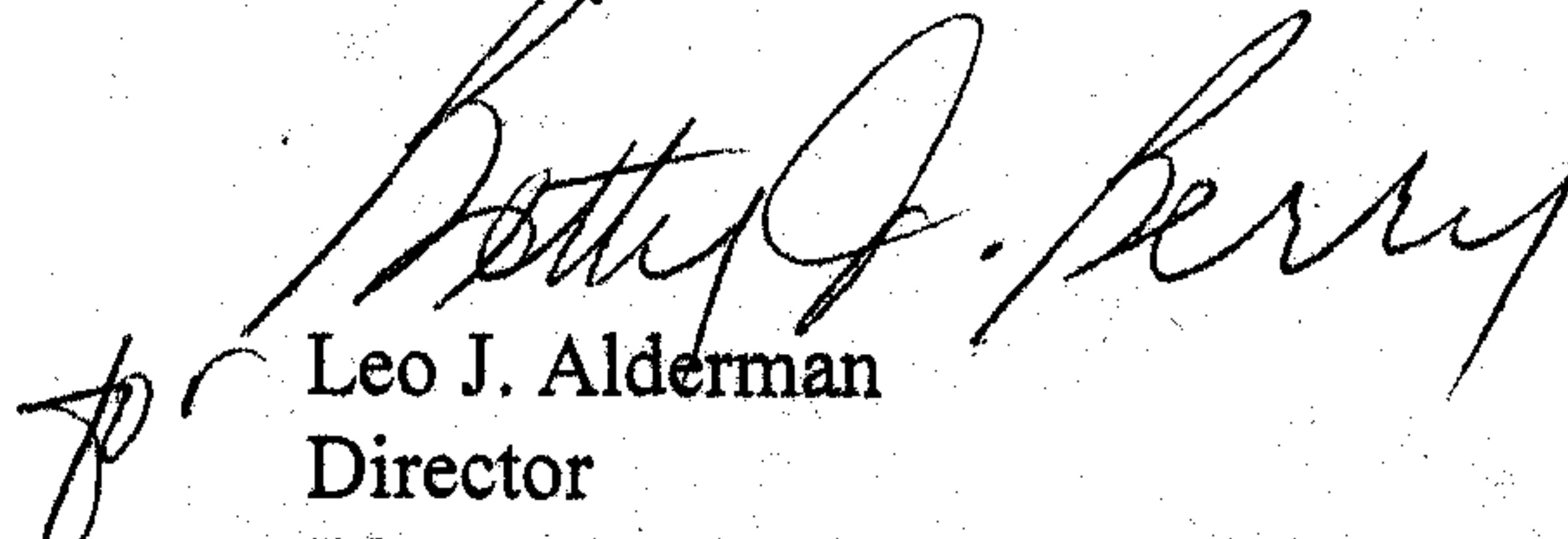
EPA's public notice was placed in newspapers serving the following cities and their surrounding areas: Maryville, Kirksville, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, St. Louis, Jefferson City, and Kansas City. The record supporting EPA's decision regarding Missouri's 2002 303(d) list was placed in public libraries in the above cities and at the EPA Region VII office. EPA also posted its decision support document on EPA Region VII's website. EPA's request for public comments was limited to decisions to add and/or restore specific waters and pollutants to Missouri's 2002 303(d) list.

Based on EPA's review, the Agency is amending its decision as follows: (1) EPA is removing 12 waterbodies out of 38 waterbodies which EPA had originally restored to the list for sediment; (2) EPA is removing 2 out the 13 waterbodies which EPA had added to the list from the group of 26 Consent Decree waterbodies; (3) EPA is removing 4 more waterbodies and

removing pollutants from 6 other waterbodies, based on data and information provided by the State and public during EPA's public comment period; and, lastly, EPA concurs with the State's original decision to change the pollutant name from "non-filterable residue or sediment" to "volatile suspended solids or non-volatile suspended solids" for 22 waterbodies, based on field data provided by MDNR during EPA's public comment period. EPA's rationale for the amended decision is provided in the enclosed responsiveness summary. This letter and the attached responsiveness summary will be posted on EPA Region VII's website.

If you would like to further discuss EPA's action, please contact me at 913-551-7001, or Cheryl Crisler, Chief of the Water Quality Management Branch, at 913-551-7820.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure:

Responsiveness Summary to Public Comment